

REMARKS

Claims 4-9, 11-46, 48, 49, 56, 58-60, 62-65 are now pending in the application. Claims 2, 3, 10, 47, 50-55, 57, and 61 have been cancelled herewith. The amendments to the claims contained herein are of equivalent scope as originally filed and, thus, are not a narrowing amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 AND 103

Claims 2, 50-55, 57, and 61 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Heinzen (U.S. Pat. No. 5,201,529). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 2, 3, and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Rhoads (U.S. Pat. No. 3,114,558). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 47 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Heinzen (U.S. Pat. No. 5,201,529). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants note that claims 2, 3, 10, 47, 50-55, 57, and 61 have been cancelled.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that claims 4-9, 11-46, 48, 49, 56, 58-60, and 62-65 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claims 4, 11, 13, 15, 23, 27, 48, 49, 56, 58, 60, 62, 63, and 65 to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, independent claims 4, 11, 13, 15, 23,

27, 48, 49, 56, 58, 60, 62, 63, and 65 and dependent claims 5-9, 12, 14, 16-22, 24-26, 28-46, 59, and 64 should now be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (734) 354-5445.

Respectfully submitted,

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